

Sailing News

Brass Monkey Series

2017 has arrived with a vengeance, with the first two races being cancelled due to strong winds. However, the Brass Monkey series continues to be our most popular series with 17 boats, going out to race on Sunday 12th January. Why not come and join us, we would love for you to come on board.

One family's Sailing story

Paul Pratt is Vice Commodore of Liverpool Yacht Club. Five years ago he'd never sailed, yet he became an offshore sailor and boat owner in less than two years.

Following a trip to Anglesey where Paul and his family had tried their hand at dinghy sailing, he rolled up at the Water Sports Centre in the Queen's Dock not knowing what to expect. His timing could not have been more perfect because he bumped into long standing LYC members Alan and Mary Dickinson who helped get him out on the water again there and then.

Read more of this story at:-

<http://www.lyc.org.uk/sailing-story.html>

A brief history of "Rebellion"

Stephen Kennedy and John Marsh bought Rebellion in 2013, since then they have been regular, Yacht Racers on the Mersey. The highlight of their first few years racing was the Midnight race to the Isle of Mann. A video of which can be seen at:-

<http://www.lyc.org.uk/rebellion.html>

They have plans to race in the 2017 Volvo Dun Laoghaire week as well as many more races on the Mersey.

Dates for Your Diary

IRC & Venture Brass Monkey 5

Date: Sunday 5th March 2017

Start time: 14:15 hrs

Racing - 1415hrs Diva

IRC & Venture Brass Monkey 6

Date: Sunday 19th March 2017

Start time: 13:30 hrs

Racing - 1330hrs Jondo

IRC & Venture Brass Monkey 7

Date: Sunday 26th March 2017

Start time: 08:15 hrs

Racing - 0815hrs Eazi Tiger

IRC & Venture Brass Monkey 8

Date: Sunday 2nd April

Start time: 13:00 hrs

Racing - 13:00hrs Legless Again

Competition

LYC / TSC are proud to announce the running of a

Calendar Competition

The pictures must all be landscape and at least 960px x 640px

The categories for the competition are:-

Racing

Cruising

Dinghies

In and around the Marina

Tranmere

Social

House

Other

We already have two sponsors on board for Dinghies and the Marina, but we hope to get others on board over the coming months.

The pictures must be taken in 2017 by members. For more information visit

<http://www.lyc.org.uk/calendar-2017.html>

Dinghy News

Dinghies has moved

The Dinghy section of Liverpool Yacht club has moved to:-

Crosby Lakeside Adventure Centre
Crosby Coastal Park,
the Esplanade,
off Cambridge Rd,
Waterloo,
Merseyside
L22 1RR

This will benefit the membership of Liverpool Yacht club and Tranmere Sailing club in several ways

- Better facilities
- Better Sailing
- Courses can be run at the centre, to improve the qualifications of our members.

<http://www.lyc.org.uk/dinghies-move.html>

RYA Level 1 and 2

At the end of 2016 and at the start of 2017, the Dinghy section of Liverpool Yacht Club ran its very first course at Crosby Lakeside Adventure Centre. The course was the RYA Level 1 and 2 Start Sailing course. The course covered the basic skills required for sailing a Dinghy and covered topics like

- Points of sail, Safety
- How to rig a dinghy
- Sailing techniques

The course was delivered by our very own club members Dave Forshaw and Jan Demelweek, with support from Alan Jones(RYA), Sarah, Steve and Sharon Peers.

<http://www.lyc.org.uk/dinghy-training.html>

Dates for your Diary

Dinghy's is a great way to start your sailing adventures and costs just £2:50 for Members & £7:50 for Non-Members. It will start regularly in April with:-

Saturday sailing - Starts Saturday 8th April 2:00pm - 5:00pm. Open to all members and incorporates the Kids Club.

Tuesday nights - Starts Tuesday 2nd May 6:00pm - 8:00pm, finishing time actually varies as light changes through the season

RYA Session Ladies Improve Sailing - Starts Tuesday 2nd May and runs for ten weeks alongside the Tuesday night sessions. Training Free

RYA Push the boat out

Saturday 13th May 2:00pm to 5:00pm

This is part of the RYA's big push to get everyone out on the water, so Dinghies would like help with this.

Liverpool Power Boats

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then checkout

<http://liverpoolpowerboats.co.uk>

Liverpool power Boats will also be providing three prizes for the **Dinghy section** of our calendar competition, so take your camera with you to Dinghies for a chance to win one of these great prizes

Cruising News

For a sneak preview of the news coming up plus Cruising Reports from previous years then check out

<http://www.lyc.org.uk/cruising-reports.html>

Our members have a lot of great adventures of which these three stories give you a taster, with a four month cruise around the coast of Scandinavia, and two mini cruises.

Scandinavia

Dave and Jeanette Hardy continue on with their epic journey in Free Spirit.

In 2016 their adventure started with a flight to Bergen in Norway. They then travelled to Norheimsund, which is on the northern coast of a long protected fjord, this was where they had left Free Spirit, snug as a bug during the winter.

After not being used for over six months, Free Spirit needed some love and attention so she received a new coat of anti-fouling along with a thorough clean, engine service etc.

Once all the preparations were complete, they set sail exploring the beautiful fjords of Norway. They sailed along the coast of Karmoy and into Skudneshaven, where they found it full of festivity with a fair and open air evening concert in the park!

Their trip went on to include small islands such as Rott and Hidre. An 80th birthday party for Figeholms sailing club, as well as a Mid Summer days festival in Styrso Bratten. They visited cities such as Copenhagen and Oslo and had many other great adventures.

For the full account of the trip plus video and a picture gallery visit

<http://www.lyc.org.uk/scandinavia-2016.html>

Mini Cruise

Members of the club sailed Ynot of Liverpool between Plymouth and Holyhead via the Isles of Scilly. This was a 7 day cruise between 28th May - 4th June 2016

The passage from Plymouth to Holyhead was in virtually unbroken sunshine, but all upwind. Then the strong winds on the nose gave the crew a good excuse to take an enjoyable break in the Isles of Scilly and wait for a favourable change in wind direction. However, they still had to start their sail north beating into force 5-6 across the Celtic Sea and then a more comfortable force 0-2 up the Irish Sea.

<http://www.lyc.org.uk/mini-cruise.html>

French Coast

Members of the club sailed between Pornichet and travelled 120 Nautical miles to Vannes via Ile d'Yeu in August 2016.

The crew boarded the yacht Freyja in Pornichet and pottered south to the Isle d'Yeu to rediscover a location they had explored on the French west coast a couple of years ago. The tides were good for a day of sailing followed by two nights in port giving a day ashore to explore. Notable adventures were their bike rides to circumnavigate Ile d'Yeu and to explore the Cote Sauvage and the megaliths of Carnac from Port Hooligan.

<http://www.lyc.org.uk/french-coast.html>

Tranmere News

Burns night

Tranmere sailing club played host for Burns night, with Scottish Dancing, Bag pipe playing, an ode to the Haggis, as well as other fun and games. Read more of this story at:-

<http://www.lyc.org.uk/burns-night.html>

Social News

Christmas Party

The Children's Christmas Party took place on Sunday 11th December. Members of the club dressed in green to become Santa's little helpers. Mr Dazzle the clown brought games and prizes to entertain the children. He also made the adults laugh a lot too, so the party became more of a family party.

As the party was held at the Marina, Santa arrived by our very own Mersey Pride. The children were excited to see his arrival, as the boat had been decorated in lights, that looked like Santa's sleigh.

Santa aided by Mrs Claws was also entertaining, making everyone laugh, while he handed out presents to the children. View our gallery at:-

<http://www.lyc.org.uk/christmas-party.html>

Other News

The Last Casualty

One of our members Andrew Leatham has written a book called "The Last Casualty"

For more on this particular talented member look at

<http://www.lyc.org.uk/the-last-casualty.html>

Safeguarding Policy

The club has just updated its Safeguarding policy, so if you come into contact with children as part of your activities with the club then please make sure you read this important policy.

You can now find this and other club policies at:-

<http://www.lyc.org.uk/club-policies.html>

Annual Dinner Dance

The 2017 Annual Dinner Dance will be taking place at the **Crowne Plaza Hotel** in central Liverpool on **Saturday 11th March** from 1800h.

The cost is **£45** per person and tables may be reserved for teams.

Black tie for gentlemen and evening dress for ladies.

Please contact annual.dinner@lyc.org.uk

<http://www.lyc.org.uk/dinner-dance-2017.html>

Go Karting

For those who feel the need for speed then we have Go Karting this month. We still have some tickets tonight so talk to your Rear Commodore.

Date: Monday 27th of February 2017

Time: 18:20.

Cost: £30

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